

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation )  
 )  
of the Educator Certificate of )  
 )  
Timothy M. Cox )  
 )  
Certificate 147675 )

**CONSENT ORDER OF  
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 12, 2005. On September 16, 2004, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding a possible certificate suspension or revocation to Timothy M. Cox by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Cox received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing his name. Mr. Cox requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the State Board, (2) the public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "test security violation," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand, as agreed to by the parties.

Timothy  
M. Cox  
147675

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**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Mr. Cox holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over eighteen years of teaching experience. During the 2003-2004 school year, Mr. Cox taught profoundly mentally disabled students at Edisto Elementary School in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four. Mr. Cox admitted that he allowed

another teacher to copy his 2003 PACT Alt. student portfolios and resigned from his teaching position.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for a Public Reprimand to be issued to Mr. Cox. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

April 12, 2005

I, Timothy M. Cox, SC Teaching Certificate 147675, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

/S/ Timothy M. Cox  
Timothy M. Cox

3/18/05  
Date